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AN INFORMAL TRANSLATION OF JULY 23 STATEMENT BY THE

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PORTUGUESE FOREIGN MINISTRY CONCERNING THE SUSPENSION OF

RELATIONS WITH MALAWI FOLLOWS:

QUOTE SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THIS MONTH, THE GOVERNMENT OF MALAWI HAS BEEN ASSUMING AN ATTITUDE OF DELIBERATE OBSTRUCTION OF OUR DECOLONIZATION POLICY THAT PUTS IN GRAVE DOUBT THE POSSIBILITY FOR CONTINUATION OF GOOD RELATIONS WITH THE PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT. ALTHOUGH AWARE OF THE PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT'S POSITION IN REGARD TO ENGINEER JARDIM, AND KNOWING THAT A WARRANT EXISTS FOR HIS ARREST, THE GOVERNMENT OF MALAWI HAS NOT ONLY ACCORDED HIM A PLACE OF DISTINCTION IN SEVERAL PUBLIC EVENTS BUT HAS PERMITTED HIM TO REMAIN IN ITS TERRITORY, CONSPICUOUSLY UNDERTAKING ACTIVITIES OF A NATURE CALCULATED TO CREATE SERIOUS DISTURBANCES IN MOZAMBIQUE. IN ADDITION TO THIS, IN RECENT DAYS THE PORTUGUESE EMBASSY IN ZOMBA HAS BEEN SUBJECTED TO HUMILIATING AND DISCRIMINATORY ACTS BY MALAWI AUTHORITIES WHICH ARE CONTRARY TO THE MOST ELEMENTARY PRACTICES OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS. THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES OF PORTUGAL IN ZOMBA HAS THEREFORE BEEN INSTRUCTED TO DELIVER A NOTE THIS MORNING (JULY 23) TO THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF MALAWI CONVEYING THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE:

QUOTE 1. THE PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT SINCE THE 25TH OF APRIL HAS CONSIDERED IT IN ITS INTEREST TO MAINTAIN THE BEST POSSIBLE RELATIONS WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF MALAWI, PARTICULARLY AT A TIME WHEN IT HAS COMMITTED ITSELF TO CARRYING OUT A POLICY OF DECOLONIZATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PRINCIPLES OF THE UNITED NATIONS.

QUOTE 2. THE PORTUGUESE DESIRE FOR OPEN AND UNEQUIVOCAL COOPERATION IN ORDER TO IMPROVE RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES HAS BEEN MADE KNOWN ON VARIOUS OCCASSIONS TO THE GOVERNMENT OF MALAWI.

QUOTE 3. NOTWITHSTANDING THE ABOVE, THE PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT FINDS THAT THE ATTITUDE TAKEN BY THE GOVERNMENT OF MALAWI IN REGARD TO ENGINEER JARDIM CONSTITUTES A CLEAR ATTEMPT TO CREATE SERIOUS OBSTACLES TO OUR ANNOUNCED DECOLONIZATION POLICY.

QUOTE 4. IN ADDITION THE PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT ALSO FINDS THAT THE SITUATION IN WHICH THE PORTUGUESE EMBASSY IN MALAWI FINDS ITSELF IS UNACCEPTABLE.

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QUOTE 5. IN THESE CIRCUMSATANCES THE PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT FINDS ITSELF FORCED TO WITHDRAW ITS DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATIVES FROM ZOMBA UNTIL SATISFACTION IS PROVIDED. THE PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT IS THE FIRST TO REGRET THIS, BUT IT CANNOT HELP BUT REPEAT ONCE AGAIN AND STRESS THAT IT IS INADMISSIBLE FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF MALAWI TO PERMIT ITS TERRITORY TO BE USED FOR THE PURPOSE OF CREATING SERIOUS OBSTACLES TO THE DECOLONIZATION POLICY WHICH

PORTUGAL IS PURSUING, AND ESPECIALLY THAT IT PERMIT
ENGINEER JARDIM TO GUIDE AND DIRECT TERRORIST ACTIVITIES
AIMED AGAINST MOZAMBIQUE FROM MALAWI. END QUOTE.
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